

MINUTES OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE - September 4, 1985

The Long-Range Planning Committee met in the Atheneum in New Harmony on Wednesday, September 4, at 2:30 p.m. Committee members present were Trustees William Brooks, Jr., Carole Rust, Eric Williams, and Al Woll. Chairman of the Board Robert Fair and Trustees Percy Clark, John Pruis, and Joseph O'Daniel also sat in on the meeting. Others present included Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Reid, Vice President for Administration Donald Bennett, Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer Byron Wright, and Assistant to the President Sherriane Standley.

In the absence of the committee convener, George Weathersby, Chairman Fair asked Dr. Reid to lead the discussion. Dr. Reid invited the committee's comments and thoughts on the Higher Education Services Plan and its subtopics. The remainder of the meeting was spent revising the language of the Plan. There were two substantial changes made in the Plan. First, two sentences were added to the paragraph on athletics (page four). They read: "Physical development for all students will be encouraged through intramural sports, regular physical education courses, and fitness programs. The University of Southern Indiana has no present intention of engaging in intercollegiate football."

Second, three sentences conveying the University's concern for literacy were added to the section titled Academic Programs and Resources (page eight). They read: "The University through its academic programs, particularly those in the Division of Education and Humanities, will increase emphasis on addressing the problem of basic literacy in Indiana and the nation. Reading, writing, and communications skills will be special targets of concern in the preparation of teachers at the elementary and secondary level. New degree programs responsive to this general concern will be considered."

The committee agreed to recommend approval of the Baccalaureate of Occupational Studies program. Because of time constraints, the committee delayed discussion on other topics until the next meeting.